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H.B. No. 2129

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring the Department of Family and Protective
3 Services to notify certain organizations regarding the adoption of
4 certain children.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 264.208 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 264.208. NOTIFICATION OF ADOPTION TO CERTAIN ENTITIES.

9 (a) In this section, "faith-based organization" has the meaning
10 assigned by Section 264.113(a).

11 (b) If the department has entered into a memorandum of
12 understanding with a faith-based organization that authorizes the
13 organization to share information about children in the
14 department's conservatorship who are available for adoption, the
15 department shall notify the faith-based organization when a child
16 whose information has been shared with the organization is adopted.

17 (c) The department shall provide the notice required by
18 Subsection (b) not later than the end of the fifth business day
19 after the date the adoption order is rendered.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.